

I am very distressed that Sinclair can legally put this kind of manipulative political propaganda on the air. I called the local station and they would not even take my name and register my complaint - stating they had no choice but to do what the corporation wanted. So this means the local consumers have no voice or control over the use of the local airwaves.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

Please work towards widening our democracy here at home so that we can be a beacon for the world of what is possible.